

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS20867**

This legislation will allow the Department of Health and Welfare to disclose information about children who are under the jurisdiction of child protective services. Under current law, information vital to the health and well being of children, even medical information, routinely is not shared, and in many cases may not be shared, from one foster parent to another or by other decision makers. Females removed from a home where abuse has occurred from male siblings might well be placed in a home where males reside and the foster parent is never told.

This legislation will allow Health and Welfare to better define, in rule, the information that will be disclosed and made available to foster parents, adoptive parents, guardians, and other legally responsible parties.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There will be de minimis fiscal impact to the General Fund as a result of changes to Administrative Rules. There are no impacts to local units of government.

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